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**Re: Notice of Potential Liability - Portland Harbor Superfund Site**

Dear Ms. McKenna:

The Port of Portland understands that EPA Region 10 has distributed general notice letters for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. Although the Port has not received any such letters, we have obtained a copy of the December 8, 2000 letter that was sent to another party and have noted that Port facilities are listed as recipients of the general notice letter. Therefore, the Port has the following response.

In the December 8 letter, Mike Gearheard states that EPA anticipates negotiating an Administrative Order on Consent (consent order) with willing PRPs for the performance of a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS). Further, EPA indicates that it is interested in commencing negotiations without issuing special notice letters if a group of parties will enter negotiations with EPA, and will agree to fund and perform an RI/FS. The purpose of this letter is to notify EPA that the Port of Portland looks forward to negotiating a consent order with EPA to perform the RI/FS. The Port anticipates that other parties will also agree to join the negotiations. The Port understands that oversight cost reimbursement will be shared by all responsible parties at some point in the process.

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Please notify the Port when EPA has more information about the negotiations and is prepared to discuss a schedule. To avoid delays and ensure that future notices are received promptly by the Port, further communications to the Port regarding the Portland Harbor should be directed as follows:

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Very truly yours,



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